

### REMARKS

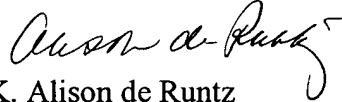
The specification has been amended merely for clarification purposes. In a paragraph appearing on page 7, the missing word "layer" in the term "second anti-reflection layer 21," as mentioned elsewhere in the paragraph, has been inserted. In paragraphs appearing on pages 8 to 9 and 9, the word "conventional" has been removed. For example, while a coating may be conventional in the sense that it consists of layers over a substrate, it is not conventional in the sense that it is a combination of layers that is novel, contains one or more materials that is novel, or the like. Additionally, while a sputtering process or a reactive sputtering process may be conventional in the sense it involves the sputtering of a material from a target or the reactive sputtering of a material from a target, respectively, it is not conventional in the sense that it deposits a combination of layers that is novel, deposits one or more materials that is/are novel, uses a target that is novel, uses a target that comprises one or more materials that is/are novel, or the like. Further, while a doped target may be conventional in the sense that it consists of a material that is doped by one or more other materials, it is not conventional in the sense that it comprises one or more materials that is/are novel, or the like. And, while a co-sputtering process may be conventional in the sense that it involves two targets, it is not conventional in the sense that it involves two targets that comprise one or more materials that is/are novel, or the like. No new matter has been added by virtue of the foregoing amendments to the specification.

The claims have been amended merely for clarification purposes or merely to alter dependency. That is, in several claims, hyphens have been added to terms merely to be consistent with the hyphenation used elsewhere in the claims and in the specification. Further, in several claims, the claims have been altered in dependency such that they depend from a different claim than they did previously. No narrowing of the claims has been effected, and no new matter has been added, by virtue of the foregoing amendments to the claims.

A response to a restriction requirement and an election requirement is being filed concurrently with this preliminary amendment. In the response, a reconsideration of the restriction requirement and the election requirement is being requested prior to an examination on the merits. Herein, it is requested that this preliminary amendment be entered prior to an examination on the merits.

It is believed that the claims define novel and non-obvious subject matter of the present invention. Thus, an early indication that the claims are in condition for allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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